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However, it needs to be noted that the Examiner is incorrect in his statement that Baker discloses controlling access to data comprising URLs which are grouped in sets. (See Official Action, page 4, section 5, first paragraph). In this portion of the Official Action, the Examiner is treating the URLs as the data or datasets which can be requested and this is believed to be the error in the Examiner's rationale. Baker makes it clear that URLs are not "requestable" so they cannot be the "requestable datasets" specified in Applicants' claim 1.

The Examiner's attention is directed to Baker, column 3, lines 38-46, which makes it clear that requests from user terminals for access to network resources 101, etc. are submitted through a processor in the proxy server. The requests themselves are URLs, i.e., a request is a URL and a URL cannot be the requested data item. See also column 5, lines 1-3 of Baker which states "when a URL from either user terminal 207 or 208 is received at processor 212." In Baker, each user terminal must therefore contain a list of URLs so that it can send out a URL in order to request access to the network resources 101-105. Baker cannot make a request unless it has a URL, and so it does not request URLs as datasets and the URLs are not the "requestable datasets" set out in Applicants' independent claim.

In Baker, each user terminal must have a range (perhaps even the full range) of possible URLs, including those for network resources to which it is denied access. This is because, if a user terminal only has valid URLs, i.e., URLs corresponding to network resources to which that terminal is permitted access, there would be no point whatsoever in checking a request to see whether or not it contains a valid URL (because it could contain no other).

It is hoped that the above clarified explanation can be substituted for the misstatement on page 21 of the previously filed Amendment.

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Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that claims 1-43 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of the claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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